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SUBJ: USGS REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE OF OVERFLIGHT AND OBSERVATION
MEXICAN TERRITORY

REF: STATE 090022, B. MEXICO 4843

1. REF A PUZZLING TO THIS MISSION SINCE AREA WHICH
USGS SCIENTISTS WISH TO OBSERVE FROM AIR IS ENTIRELY IN
MEXICO. WHY THE NEED THEREFORE TO FLY FROM GUATEMALA?
ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON RELATIONSHIP OF PROPOSED
VISIT TO TEAM FROM USGS ENGINEERING GEOLOGY BRANCH (MENLO
PARK) - CONSISTING OF MESSRS. PLAFKER, WILSON, AND HOOSE -
WHO ALREADY ARE DOING LIQUIFACTION STUDIES IN MOTAGUA VALLEY
IN GUATEMALA.

2. REF A RECEIVED HERE FOR ACTION TOO LATE TO IDENTIFY
AIRCRAFT AND PILOT TO BE USED, PRIOR TO ONSLAUGHT OF LONG
EASTER-WEEK HOLIDAYS. CHARTER OF SMALL FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT
CAN BE ARRANGED. EMBASSY WILL PROCEED TO DO SO IF OVER-
FLIGHT OF MEXICAN TERRITORY STILL DESIRED FROM GUATEMALA,
ON ADVICE WHEN SUCH OVER-FLIGHT TO TAKE PLACE IN LIGHT REF B.
SUGGEST ALTERNATE DATES BE GIVEN SHOULD WEATHER OR OTHER CONDITIONS
NOT PERMIT FLIGHT ON DESIRED DAY.

3. ALSO WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ON NAMES AND TITLES OF
USGS SCIENTISTS, ETA AND ETD HERE, ALSO WHETHER WILL EMPLOY
PHOTOGRAPHY FROM AIR (AS AGAINST MERE VISUAL OBSERVATION).
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